CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY (BA) TO (MA)

Program Description

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A combined Christian Theology (BA) and Theology: Christian Ministry (MA) is ideal for students who feel called by God to serve in pastoral leadership and desire educational and formational training to support this vocation.

Through dual-function courses that count for both degree programs, you will be able to complete this combined degree in an accelerated timeline, graduating with both degrees within five years instead of six.

Entering and Completing the Majors

Christian Theology (BA)

- Undergraduate students should apply to the Christian Theology major no later than the fall of their junior year by following these instructions (https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/mSDPkFSZ/).
- When applying to the accelerated major, students must submit a completed Christian Theology (BA) to Christian Ministry (MA) online application (http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/programs/christian-ministry-ba-to-ma/ba-to-ma-apply/).
- Successful applicants to this accelerated major must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Upon your acceptance into the Christian Theology undergraduate major, the program contact will serve as your faculty advisor. You will work with your advisor to complete the undergraduate portion of your coursework by December of your fourth/senior year.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

Theology: Christian Ministry (MA)

- Students must apply to the Master of Arts in Theology and select the Christian Ministry (https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/seattle-pacific-seminary/theology-christian-ministry-ma/) concentration via the standard application process (http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/admission/) for that degree program (application form, resume, personal essay, official transcripts attesting a minimum 3.0 GPA; two recommendation letters) no later than March 31 of their third/junior year.
- Once accepted into the graduate program, students will take master's courses beginning in January of their senior year.
- Those master's courses will transfer back to fulfill the remaining elective requirements in their major for their BA, while certain

designated courses taken during their BA will fulfill specific course requirements of the MA.
- During the time that they are pursuing the Theology: Christian Ministry (MA) degree, students will participate fully in the academy, abbey, and apostolate components of the seminary curriculum, preparing them to serve in pastoral leadership positions upon graduation.
- You must complete the degree requirements that are in effect in the SPU Graduate Catalog for the year you enter the program.

Christian Theology (BA)

50 Credits Minimum, Including 30 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
University Foundations Courses - 10 Credits		
UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	
or UFDN 3001	Christian Scripture for Transfer Students	
UFDN 3100	Christian Theology	
Section credits required		10
Christian Scripture Courses - 10 Credits		
THEO 3100	Community Bible Study [1]	
THEO 3110	Torah/Pentateuch: The Old Testament Gospel	
THEO 3210	Four Gospels and One Jesus	
THEO 3250	Biblical Texts: Old Testament	
THEO 3255	Biblical Texts: New Testament	
THEO 3260	Biblical Topics	
THEO 4250	Biblical Exegesis [2]	
Section Credits Required		10
Christian Life and Ministry Courses - 10 Credits		
THEO 2620	Global and Urban Ministry	
THEO 2725	Christian Spirituality and Discipleship	
THEO 2730	Biblical and Theological Introduction to Christian Reconciliation	
THEO 3640	Intercultural Ministry	
THEO 3710	Human Development and Christian Faith	
THEO 3715	Youth Cultures and Christian Faith	
THEO 3722	Christian Disciplines	
THEO 3730	Foundations of Youth Ministry	
THEO 3735	Youth Ministry as Mission and Evangelism	
THEO 3780	Wesleyan Small Group: New Leader Training	
THEO 4720	Leadership in Society	
THEO 4730	Advanced Topics in Reconciliation Studies	
THEO 4780	Leading a Wesleyan Small Group [3]	
THEO 4911	Worship Arts Leadership Seminar	
THEO 4931	Worship Arts Leadership Practicum	
Section Credits Required		10
Theological Studies Courses - 10 Credits		
THEO 3303	Christianity in America	
THEO 3304	Christian Heritage	
THEO 3331	Women in Christianity	
THEO 3401	Exploring Christian Theology	
THEO 3403	History and Theology of Christian Worship	
THEO 3500	Christ and Culture	
THEO 3501	Christian Ethics	

THEO 3510	Theology, Culture, and Society	
THEO 3515	World Christianity	
THEO 3540	Creation Care	
THEO 4610	World Religions	
Section Credits Required		10
Theology Electives (any other THEO Course, or any of the following) - 5 credits		
THEO 1201	Hebrew I	
THEO 1202	Hebrew II	
THEO 1203	Hebrew III	
THEO 4900	Independent Study	
THEO 4930	Practicum	
THEO 4950	Special Topics	
Section Credits Required		5
Final Coursework - 5 Credits		
THEO 4899	Christian Theology Capstone	2
THEO 4940	Internship	3
or THEO 4995	Thesis	
Total Credits		**50**

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May be repeated for up to four credits.

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Requires 3110 or 3210 as a pre-requisite.

3

May be repeated up to 4 credits.

Theology: Christian Ministry Concentration (MA)

60 Credits Minimum

Code	Title	Credits
Core THEO Courses		
THEO 6001	Christian Formation in Discipleship:Acts of Piety	2
THEO 6002	Christian Formation in Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice	2
THEO 6003	Integrating Academy, Abbey, and Apostolate	2
THEO 6010	Bible I: Interpreting and Teaching Christian Scripture	3
THEO 6020	Global Christian Heritage I: AD 100-1453	3
THEO 6030	Theology/Ethics I: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship	3
THEO 6040	Bible II: Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 6050	Global Christian Heritage II: AD 1454-1900	3
THEO 6060	Theology/Ethics II: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship	3
THEO 6070	Bible III: Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 6080	Global Christian Heritage III: AD 1900-Present	3
THEO 6090	Theology/Ethics III: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church	3
Section Credits Required		33
Concentration Courses		**21**
THEO 6280	Scripture in Context	

THEO 6403	Theology of Christian Worship	
THEO 6405	Theology Praxis in Geographical/Historical Context	
THEO 6412	Leading and Designing Congregational Worship	
THEO 6500	Theology, Disability, and the Church	
THEO 6510	Theology, Race, and Culture	
THEO 6511	Gender and Christianity	
THEO 6512	Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Foundations for Leadership	
THEO 6513	Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Embodiment and Praxis	
THEO 6540	Preaching II: Prophetic Proclamation [1]	
THEO 6610	Encounter of Christian Faith with Other Faiths	
THEO 6710	Introduction to Practical Theology	
THEO 6720	Vocational Discernment and Discipleship	
THEO 6730	Foundations of Student and Family Ministry	
THEO 6735	The Teaching Ministry of the Church	
THEO 6740	Preaching I: From Scripture to Sermon	
THEO 6741	Evangelism and Mission	
THEO 6742	Church Administration	
THEO 6743	Pastoral Care and Counseling	
THEO 6744	Ministerial Leadership	
THEO 6745	Christian Social Entrepreneurship and Church Planting	
THEO 6951	Worship and the Arts: Special Topics	
THEO 6952	Burning Issues	
THEO 6960	Master's Project	
Section Credits Required		21
Contextual Education		
THEO 6940	Contextual Education Internship [2]	6
or THEO 6941	Contextual Education Intensive Internship	
Section Credits Required		6
Total Credits		**60**

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Note that THEO 6740 is a pre-requisite for this course.

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THEO 6940 must be repeated to reach credit requirement (or taken as THEO 6941)